GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
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SCHEMES FOR TRIBALS
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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the schemes formulated for the development of the tribal areas are not implemented effectively in the tribal dominated areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the tribals are not aware of the schemes and programmes meant for them; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Government to make the tribals aware of the schemes and programmes undertaken for their development?

Answer

MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM)

(a) & (b) The Ministry of Tribal Affairs provides due Central Assistance to the StateGovernments/Union Territory Administrations for implementation of its Central Sector and centrally Sponsored Schemes. Towards making theimplementation of these schemes more effective, the Ministry of Tribal Affairs addresses the State Governments/Union Territory Administrationsin respect of specific schemes. Besides, the implementation aspects of the schemes are also discussed during the meetings with the concerned Secretaries of State Governments/U.T. Administrations. However, thespecific representations when received from any quarter are taken up with the concerned State Governments/U.T. Administrations for redressal.

Besides, the Ministry of Tribal Affairs also ensures speedy and effective implementation of the schemes by taking the following steps:

(I) Sanction of grant to States/UTs is made on the basis of detailed examination of the proposals received.

(II) Utilization Certificates are insisted upon in respect of past releases, before fresh releases are made.

(III) Periodic progress reports are obtained from the States/UTs, showing the progress of implementation of schemes, the beneficiaries covered and other relevant information/data.

(IV) Senior officers from the Ministry visit the States/UTs to assess the progress of the implementation of the schemes.

(V) Meeting with the State Secretaries in charge of the subject are convened to ascertain the implementation of the schemes.

(VI) In the case of the schemes implemented through the non-Governmentalorganizations (NGOs) funds are released after an assessment of the standing of the NGO, past performance etc. Apart from the periodic progress reports,the NGOs are required to furnish annual accounts and audited reports and utilization certificates on the basis of which further release of funds are made. Inspection of NGOs is also undertaken through State Governments/UT officials and other authorities, and also by the Central Government officers.

(c) & (d) All the State Governments have been supplied with the copies of schemes, guidelines governing release of grants etc. and requested to give wide publicity to these schemes. Further, the details of the schemes of the ministry are available on the website (www.tribal.nic.in) of the ministry. The Ministry has also published a handbook of the schemes of the Ministryfor circulation among the people as well as officials.